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In re the application of:) Group Art Unit: 1772
IMANARI et al.)
Serial No. 10/667,362)
Filed: September 23, 2003)

For: **A POLYPROPYLENE RESIN HOLLOW MOLDED FOAM ARTICLE AND
A PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22314-1450

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Respectfully submitted,

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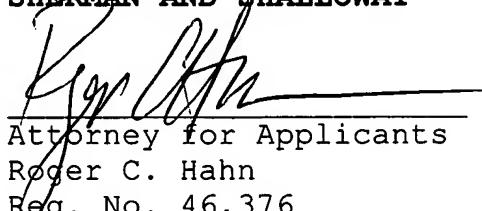
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